

Free to Serve

Have you seen the inspiring film *Amazing Grace*? It tells the story of William Wilberforce, an Evangelical statesman who struggled over, then found his calling by serving God in the British Parliament.

Wilberforce wrote that “God Almighty has set before me two great objects, the suppression of the slave trade and the reformation of manners,” that is, promoting morality.

Wilberforce used political means and moral persuasion in his quest to free others from slavery and vice. He founded missionary and Bible societies, was active in over 69 charities, and donated a quarter of his annual income. He stirred people to act by exposing the horrors of slavery. He gathered petitions, held rallies, assembled coalitions, and jabbed people’s consciences.

Wilberforce’s work in and out of Parliament was driven by his vibrant faith. He desired to know God and to see His attributes reflected in society and in law. Rightly used, society and law are teachers and protectors - they have the power to teach what is right, restrain evil and protect the innocent.

In a culture where “morals” is treated as a dirty word, may we be Wilberforces, diligent to promote God’s will so that others may be free.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendy Wright".

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